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QUOTA HUNTS

QUOTA HUNTS FOR DEER

To apply for
quota hunts:

Go online to fw.ky.gov
or call 1-877-598-2401

During the month of September only, hunters may go online to fw.ky.gov to apply for deer, pheasant, quail and upland bird quota hunts. Hunters may apply for any or all of these quota hunts at the same time. If you don't have access to a computer, you may call 1-877-598-2401 to apply.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Any resident or nonresident hunter may apply for a deer quota hunt. Only the person(s) successfully drawn for quota hunts may hunt. **SUBSTITUTIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Before you apply, it is best to review the Deer Quota Hunt Choices chart and Special Instructions for Quota Deer Hunts for hunt dates and other important details about particular hunts.

Any legal deer hunting equipment is permitted during a quota hunt unless otherwise stated in the Special Instructions section. During hunts where firearms are permitted, hunters must comply with Kentucky's hunter orange clothing law.

On hunts where an antler spread limit is in effect, hunters who take bucks under the 15-inch minimum outside

spread limit will be ineligible to apply for a quota hunt the following season, and are subject to citation and having their deer confiscated. See graphic on page 35. Harvested deer must be recorded and reported for each hunt as noted in the Special Instructions section.

Hunters who do not comply with quota hunt requirements are ineligible to apply for **any** quota hunt the following year (including deer, pheasant, quail, upland bird and waterfowl), and will lose any accumulated preference points.

Statewide licensing requirements apply to quota hunters. Hunters must use their statewide deer permit or an additional deer permit.

During all quota hunts, the West Kentucky WMA Open Gun Deer Hunt (Jan. 19-21, 2013), and the Grayson Lake WMA Open Youth Deer Hunt (Nov. 3-4), only persons participating in these hunts will be allowed to enter the WMA, except to use established public roads or areas designated open by signs. Waterfowl hunting may be posted open on some areas.

Hunters must get permission from private landowners before crossing private property to access any quota hunt area or to retrieve downed deer from private property. Quota hunters must abide by the General User Guidelines for WMAs listed in this guide. Respect the property rights of adjacent landowners and do not trespass. Scouting and set-up of portable tree stands is permitted prior to hunts any time these areas are open. Portable tree

stands and climbing devices that do not injure trees may be used. Baiting is prohibited on state parks and WMAs.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife handles the application and random drawing selection only for the WMAs it owns or operates. Drawings for quota hunts on areas not owned or operated by the department are conducted by the governing agencies of those lands. To apply for hunts on these areas, contact them directly. Numbers for other hunting areas are provided at the end of the Public Land Hunting section of this guide.

Owners of private inholdings (private property completely surrounded by WMA lands) or their guests may travel within the owner's lands, but may not enter the WMA except as described above.

Hunt area maps and quota hunt information will be available when hunters check in for quota hunts. Maps and information about WMA quota hunts are also available in advance through the department website at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-858-1549. Check station locations are shown on these maps. **Specific requirements for those drawn for quota hunts appear later under Special Instructions for Quota Deer Hunts.**

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED QUOTA HUNTS

Persons with one of the following physical conditions are eligible to apply for a mobility-impaired quota hunt. At check in, drawn hunters must show a WMA Mobility-Impaired Access Per-

mit, available **in advance of the hunt date** from the department.

- Has permanent paralysis of at least one (1) leg;
- Has at least one (1) foot amputated;
- Is permanently confined to a wheelchair or must use crutches or a walker as a means of support to pursue daily activities;
- Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced respiratory expiratory volume for one (1) second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/Hg on room air at rest;
- Requires portable oxygen;
- Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
- Has a diagnosed disease which creates severe mobility impairment.

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS

Hunters may go online, or call, to apply **one time** for a quota deer hunt. Applicants will be given the option to pick a first and second hunt choice, but may be drawn to participate in only one quota hunt. The non-refundable fee is \$3 per hunter to apply. Each hunter who applies correctly, but isn't selected, will receive a preference point that increases the odds of being drawn next year (as-

Q: If a hunter is drawn for a second hunt choice, are preference points retained?

A: No. When a hunter is drawn for a quota hunt, all previously credited preference points are lost, even if drawn for the second choice hunt. The exception is antlerless-only hunts at Taylorsville Lake WMA.

suming the hunter applies the following year). Unselected hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all previously credited preference points. **To prevent the loss of accumulated preference points, a hunter must apply every year. If the hunter does not want to be drawn that year, it is now possible to select a "no hunt" option. The \$3 application fee is required even if the "no hunt" option is selected. This new option helps hunters keep the preference points earned over a number of years.** Applicants are selected based on individual preference points. Up to five people can apply together with one call. If any one of the group's Social Security numbers is drawn, the others in the group are automatically drawn, too.

Quota hunters at Clay WMA will receive one preference point for each female deer harvested. Up to four preference points may be awarded, for use in the following year's quota hunt application. Hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all accumulated preference points.

Hunters drawn for a Taylorsville Lake WMA antlerless-only quota hunt will not lose accumulated preference points.

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUOTA DEER HUNTERS

1. **All quota deer hunters must check in before they hunt and out when finished hunting, the bag limit is reached, or when the hunt period concludes, and check deer daily at the designated check station, except quota hunters on the Green River Lake State Park Archery/Crossbow-Only, Marion County WMA & State Forest and Paul Van Booven WMA quota hunts. Hunters on the West Kentucky WMA quota and open gun hunts must check in daily.**
2. **At check-in, quota deer hunters must show the following:**
 - a. Their Social Security number or

Watch the clock

Check-in and check-out times for WMA quota hunts are:

- **Day before hunt:** Noon – 8 p.m. local time
- **Hunt days:** 5:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Eastern, 4:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. Central, depending on WMA location. (Green River Lake WMA is considered in the Eastern Time Zone)

hunt confirmation number.

- b. A valid Kentucky hunting license and deer permit, if license required.
 - c. A hunter education card or temporary hunter education exemption permit if required.
3. If a quota hunter has already taken two deer with the statewide deer permit, he or she must have a valid additional deer permit in possession while hunting.
 4. Persons checking in for a mobility-impaired hunt must present a department-issued WMA mobility-impaired access permit, obtained prior to the hunt.
 5. Landowner license exemptions do not apply when on a quota hunt.
 6. Hunters who fail to check out, when required, or who violate other hunt requirements will be blocked from applying for any quota hunt next year, and will lose any accumulated preference points.

Follow the rules!

Hunters who do not comply with quota hunt requirements are ineligible to apply for any quota hunt the following year **(including deer, pheasant, quail, upland bird and waterfowl)**, and will lose any accumulated preference points.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR QUOTA DEER HUNTS

Unless otherwise stated below, hunters may take up to two (2) deer (only one of which may be antlered), during a quota hunt.

Drawn quota deer hunters should

read this entire page to check restrictions on their quota hunt.

ANTLER SPREAD RESTRICTION

- Hunters participating in the Ballard,

Beaver Creek, Green River Lake and Dennis-Gray, Green River Lake Mobility-Impaired, Green River Lake State Park, Paintsville Lake, Paul Van Booven, Pennyrite-Tradewater and West Ken-

tucky quota hunts, and the West Kentucky open gun hunt, CAN NOT TAKE an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches.

BAG LIMIT

- The limit for hunts on Beaver Creek, Fishtrap Lake, Mill Creek and Paul Van Booven WMAs is **one deer (which may be either sex)** per hunter.
- **On WMAs in Zone 1 counties, hunters may harvest more than one deer per day during quota hunts. Hunters may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer, provided they have purchased Additional Deer Permits** on Ballard WMA, Dr. James R. Rich WMA, John A. Kleber WMA, Pennyryle State Forest, Taylorsville Lake WMA, Tradewater WMA, **Veterans Memorial WMA** and West Kentucky WMA. **Additionally, hunters participating in the Lake Barkley State Resort Park quota deer hunt (in Zone 1 Trigg County), may harvest more than one deer per day, and may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer, provided they have purchased Additional Deer Permits.** On all other WMA quota hunts, hunters may take two (2) deer, only one of which may be antlered.

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTS

- The Green River Lake, Taylorsville Lake WMA and Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campgrounds Mobility - Impaired quota hunts are limited to persons who are mobility-impaired and meet the eligibility requirements as previously outlined. (Mobility-impaired access permit required at check-in.) Drawn hunters may be accompanied by another person, but that person will NOT be permitted to hunt.
- **Hunters participating in the Taylorsville Lake WMA mobility-impaired quota hunts may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer, provided they have purchased permits.**
- Zilpo-Twin Knobs Campground: Hunters will be assigned randomly to one campground or the other. Hunters can check their assignment by going online to fw.ky.gov after October 5, or by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549 after October 8. (Hunters must provide their confirmation number or Social Security number to check their assignment.)



15" ANTLER SPREAD

Please read the deer regulations carefully. A 15-inch antler spread restriction is in effect for some quota deer hunts. When judging antler size in the field, a good indication of a 15-inch spread is when the antlers extend beyond the ears.

Assignments are final. Check-in for the hunt is upon hunter arrival the day of the hunt from 5:30 a.m. until close of the legal hunting time. All hunters will be escorted to designated stand locations from which they will be required to hunt unless otherwise informed by hunt management personnel. Hunter stand locations will be assigned by random drawing at check-in. Vehicular access to the campgrounds for scouting prior to the hunt is not permitted.

NO CHECK IN OR OUT

- Hunters drawn to hunt in the Green River Lake State Park, Marion County WMA & State Forest or Paul Van Booven WMA quota hunts do not have to check in or out, but shall tel-echeck any harvested deer as required by statewide regulations.

YOUTH HUNT

- The designated scouting day for the Grayson Lake WMA open youth hunt is the Friday preceding the hunt.

On this day, vehicles will be permitted within the hunt area between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for youths (and their accompanying adults) registered for the hunt. Department personnel will be available at the check station 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. to answer questions and provide additional information. Scouting is permitted on other days prior to the hunt, but access is by walk-in or boat only.

AREA RESTRICTIONS

- Paul Van Booven WMA is closed to vehicle access from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise except to hunters retrieving downed game.
- On West Kentucky WMA, Tracts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are the only areas quota and open gun hunters are allowed to deer hunt. At check-in prior to each day's hunt, hunters must choose a hunting tract and will not be allowed to hunt outside that tract. Shotguns used with slugs or muzzleloaders are the only firearms that may be used to take deer anywhere on this area.

HUNTING ON STATE PARKS

- To spread hunting pressure over these parks, and to make getting harvested deer out of the woods easier, hunters are encouraged to use boats to access more remote portions of the hunt areas. State park boat ramps will be open for use during quota hunts.
- Areas within these parks that are off limits to hunting (such as lodges, campgrounds, employees' residences, maintenance compounds, ranger stations, water treatment plants, picnic areas and marinas/boat ramps) are marked with signs and/or flagging tape or are indicated on hunt maps. Additionally, there is to be no hunting within 100 yards of a maintained road or building.
- Portable stands and tree climbers may be placed in trees no earlier than 24 hours before the start of the hunt, and must be removed within 24 hours of its conclusion. Tree stands must not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.



Have questions? Scan this symbol with your smartphone for quick access to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website!

2012-13 DEER QUOTA HUNT CHOICES

	Hunt Choices	Dates	# of Slots	# of 2011 applicants	Hunt Remarks (Quota Hunts are for either sex deer unless otherwise noted)
1	Ballard	Nov. 3-4	150	1308	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
2	Beaver Creek	Nov. 3-4	330	440	Limit 1 during quota hunt. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
3	Big Rivers WMA & State Forest	Nov. 10-11	40		
4	Clay	Nov. 3-4	165	1002	Limit 4 during quota hunt. Hunters awarded one preference point for each female deer harvested.
5	Fishtrap Lake	Nov. 17-18	200	281	Limit 1 during quota hunt.
6	Greenbo Lake State Resort Park	Jan. 8-9	90	109	
7	Green River Lake & Dennis-Gray	Nov. 3-4	400	857	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
8	Green River Lake Mobility-Impaired*	Nov. 3-4	15	14	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
9	Green River Lake State Park #1	Dec. 13-16	55	122	Archery/Crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
10	Green River Lake State Park #2	Dec. 20-23	55	72	Archery/Crossbow only. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
11	Kleber & Rich #1	Nov. 3-4	175	575	
12	Kleber & Rich #2	Dec. 1-2	175	265	
13	Lake Barkley State Resort Park	Jan. 8-9	75	205	
14	Marion Co. WMA & State Forest #1	Nov. 10-14	25	54	No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken.
15	Marion Co. WMA & State Forest #2	Nov. 15-19	25	38	No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken.
16	Mill Creek	Nov. 3-4	350	371	Limit 1 during quota hunt.
17	Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area #1	Nov. 17-18	15	401	User permit required.
18	Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area #2	Dec. 8-9	15	95	User permit required.
19	Paintsville Lake	Nov. 3-4	300	431	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
20	Paul Van Booven #1	Nov. 10-14	25	69	Limit 1 during quota hunt. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
21	Paul Van Booven #2	Nov. 15-19	25	45	Limit 1 during quota hunt. No check in or out. Must telecheck deer taken. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
22	Pennyrile State Forest/Tradewater WMA	Nov. 3-4	300	773	Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
23	Taylorsville Lake WMA #1	Nov. 3-4	268	344	Antlerless deer only.
24	Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-impaired* #1	Nov. 3-4	7	11	Antlerless deer only. Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.
25	Taylorsville Lake WMA #2	Dec. 1-2	268	555	
26	Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-Impaired* #2	Dec. 1-2	7	15	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.
27	Taylorsville Lake WMA #3	Jan. 5-6	268	307	
28	Taylorsville Lake WMA Mobility-Impaired* #3	Jan. 5-6	7	14	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.
29	Veterans Memorial	Nov. 3-4	60		
30	West KY	Nov. 17-21	240	310	Shotgun and Muzzleloader only. Minimum 15" outside antler spread for bucks.
31	Zilpo-Twin Knobs Mobility-Impaired*	Dec. 8	24	17	Open only to persons who are mobility-impaired.

*Only hunters who are mobility-impaired as described on page 34 can apply and be drawn for this hunt.

Antlered deer taken during quota hunts count against the statewide limit of one antlered deer per hunter, per season.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO CALL & APPLY for Deer & Pheasant Quota Hunts

There are no mail-in applications. Hunters have the option of applying online or by telephone. Applications are taken 24 hours a day, from Sept. 1-30 only. Use the following worksheets to make sure you have all the information needed when you go online or call. Here's a checklist:

1. Have the Social Security number for each hunter in your party. Up to five may apply as a group.
2. Choose the hunt(s) you wish to

apply for (see the Deer Quota Hunt Choices chart and Pheasant Quota Hunts section for details).

3. Have one of the following payment methods ready before you call: Visa, Mastercard, Discover, debit card or e-check. Only one e-check will be accepted for group applications.
4. Visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov or call toll-free 1-877-598-2401 from any touch-tone telephone.
5. Provide the information requested.

At the end of the transaction you will be given a confirmation number. Write this number down. You will need it after Oct. 5, when you can visit fw.ky.gov to find out if you were drawn for your quota hunt. Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) at 1-800-858-1549 after Oct. 8 and provide either their confirmation number or Social Security number to find out if they were drawn.

QUOTA HUNT APPLICATION WORKSHEET

DEER QUOTA HUNTS

1. Social Security numbers for my group: _____

2. Select up to two hunts (\$3 total per hunter) from the Deer Quota Hunt Choices chart:

1st Hunt # _____ 2nd Hunt # _____

3. My payment method: _____

Confirmation number: _____



PHEASANT QUOTA HUNTS

1. Social Security numbers for my group: _____

2. Select a first, second and third choice (\$3 total per hunter), or you may apply for any available date from the hunts below.

Green River #1 (Nov. 16) _____ Clay #1 (Dec. 7) _____ Yellowbank #1 (Dec. 14) _____

Green River #2 (Nov. 17) _____ Clay #2 (Dec. 8) _____ Yellowbank #2 (Dec. 15) _____

Green River #3 (Nov. 18) _____ Clay #3 (Dec. 9) _____ Yellowbank #3 (Dec. 16) _____

3. My payment method: _____

Confirmation number: _____



TO APPLY, VISIT fw.ky.gov OR CALL 1-877-598-2401. DO NOT MAIL THIS WORKSHEET!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO CALL & APPLY for Quail, Upland Bird and Waterfowl Quota Hunts

The process of applying for wild quail, upland bird (grouse and quail) and waterfowl quota hunts is the same as for deer and pheasant quota hunts, with the following exceptions:

1. Up to three hunters may apply as a group for quail and upland bird quota hunts. No group applications are accepted for waterfowl quota hunts.
2. Hunters who wish to apply for both

Peabody and Clay, or both Ballard and Sloughs quota hunts will be charged \$3 for each area. (\$6 total to apply for both areas)

QUOTA HUNT APPLICATION WORKSHEET

WILD QUAIL AND UPLAND BIRD QUOTA HUNTS

1. Social Security numbers for my group (up to 3 hunters):

2. Select a first, second and third choice on each area (\$3 total per hunter, per area), or you may apply for any available date from the hunts below. Hunters may apply for one or both areas:

Peabody quail #1 (Nov. 24; Mentor) _____ Clay upland bird #1 (Nov. 7) _____

Peabody quail #2 (Nov. 27) _____ Clay upland bird #2 (Nov. 18) _____

Peabody quail #3 (Dec. 18) _____ Clay upland bird #3 (Dec. 9) _____

Peabody quail #4 (Jan. 5) _____ Clay upland bird #4 (Dec. 18) _____

Peabody quail #5 (Jan. 12) _____

Peabody quail #6 (Jan. 22) _____

3. My payment method: _____

Confirmation number: _____



WATERFOWL QUOTA HUNTS (Hunt dates posted September 1 at fw.ky.gov)

1. My Social Security number (NO GROUP applications accepted): _____

2. Select a first and second hunt choice (\$3 total for each area), or you may apply for any available date, from the hunt dates posted at fw.ky.gov. Hunters may apply for one or both areas:

(for Ballard, pick any two sets of dates)

(for Sloughs, pick first and second choice)

Ballard 1st choice _____
Date 1 _____ Date 2 _____

Sloughs 1st choice _____

Ballard 2nd choice _____
Date 1 _____ Date 2 _____

Sloughs 2nd choice _____

3. My payment method: _____

Confirmation number: _____



TO APPLY, VISIT fw.ky.gov OR CALL 1-877-598-2401. DO NOT MAIL THIS WORKSHEET!

OTHER QUOTA HUNTS

PHEASANT

An individual may only apply for one pheasant quota hunt, and hunters may not be drawn for more than one hunt day. Up to five people may apply as a group for a single hunt. Applicants will be given a first, second and third choice of hunt dates, or may apply for any available date. Hunters under 16 years old who apply for a pheasant hunt must do so as part of a party that includes at least one adult.

Quota pheasant hunts are offered at: **Yellowbank WMA (100 hunters per hunt) on Dec. 14, 15, and 16, 2012;** Green River Lake WMA (100 hunters per hunt) on Nov. 16, 17 and 18, 2012, and Clay WMA (70 hunters per hunt) on Dec. 7, 8, and 9, 2012.

Advance application by phone is required.

Each day's quota hunt will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. local time. Equipment legal for hunting other small game species is permitted during these hunts. Dogs are permitted. The daily bag (hunt) limit is two birds of either sex per hunter.

Rabbit, quail and squirrel hunting is closed on Green River Lake WMA Nov. 16-19, 2012, and **Yellowbank WMA Dec. 14-17, 2012.** Rabbit, quail, squirrel and grouse hunting is closed on Clay WMA Dec. 7-10, 2012. Only hunters with a pheasant quota hunt permit may take pheasants during the quota hunt, or on the day following the last quota hunt day.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DRAWN QUOTA PHEASANT HUNTERS

All quota pheasant hunters must carry while hunting:

1. **A pheasant quota hunt permit, which may be purchased online with a credit**

Pheasant quota hunt fees

Hunters drawn for a quota pheasant hunt can pay the \$25 fee online at fw.ky.gov, or at any license vendor, up to the day of the hunt.

Drawn to hunt?

After October 5, go online to fw.ky.gov to find out if you were drawn for your quota hunt.

Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern at 1-800-858-1549 after October 8 and provide either their confirmation number or Social Security number to find out if they were drawn.

or debit card at fw.ky.gov, or from any license vendor. Pheasant quota hunt permits are \$25, and may be purchased anytime before the hunt.

2. Proof of a Kentucky hunting license
3. Form of identification
4. A hunter education card or temporary hunter education exemption permit if required under the Kentucky hunter education law.

BONUS HUNT DAYS

The day following the final pheasant quota hunt on each WMA is reserved as a free, bonus hunt day for drawn pheasant quota hunt permit holders. Therefore: **only hunters who possess a permit for a Yellowbank WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Yellowbank WMA on Monday, Dec. 17, 2012;** only hunters who possess a permit for a Green River Lake WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Green River Lake WMA on Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, and only hunters who possess a permit for a Clay WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Clay WMA on Monday, Dec. 10, 2012.

No additional fee will be charged for the bonus hunt day, but quota hunters must carry their pheasant hunt permit, hunting license and wear hunter orange clothing as required during their previous hunt. The daily bag limit for bonus hunt days is three birds per hunter.

See the **Yellowbank WMA**, Green River Lake WMA and Clay WMA listings in the Public Land Hunting section for season dates and limits for the open pheasant season following the bonus hunt day.

WILD QUAIL

Quota hunts for wild quail are offered on the Ken and Sinclair units of Peabody WMA.

There are six (6) 1-day hunts. One quota hunt is reserved as a Mentor quota hunt. Each party must consist of at least one hunter 15 years or younger and one adult. Hunt parties are limited to a maximum of three (3) participants each. Hunt parties may apply for up to three quail quota hunts, but will be drawn for only one hunt.

The dates of the quota hunts for wild quail are Nov. 24 (mentor), Nov. 27, Dec. 18, Jan. 5, Jan. 12 and Jan. 22.

A stand-by drawing is held each hunt day at 9 a.m. local time to fill spots left by drawn hunters who do not show up to hunt. Call the Peabody WMA office at **(270) 476-1889** for more information.

The total bag limit for each hunt is four (4) quail per hunter. Each day's quota hunt will begin at one-half hour before sunrise and conclude at 2 p.m. local time. Each hunting party will only have access to a designated portion of one of the units, and will receive a map of the area after they are drawn. Hunters will also receive a hunting log (survey) and must return the completed log to the department within seven (7) days after their hunt. Drawn hunters must submit a log even if they do not hunt. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the following year's quota hunt drawings for all species except elk, and the loss of preference points.

Each hunter who applies correctly, but isn't selected, will receive a preference point that increases the odds of being drawn next year (assuming the hunter applies the following year). Unselected hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all previously credited preference points. Applicants are selected based on individual preference points. For those who apply as a group, if any one of the group's Social Security numbers is drawn, the others in the group are automatically drawn, too.

UPLAND BIRDS

Upland bird quota hunts (for wild grouse, wild quail and woodcock) are offered on Clay WMA. There are four (4) 1-day quota hunts offered. Hunt parties are limited to a maximum of three (3) participants each.

Hunt parties may apply for up to three upland bird quota hunts, but will be drawn for only one hunt.

Upland bird quota hunt dates are Nov. 7, Nov. 18, Dec. 9 and Dec. 18.

Bag limits for each hunt are four (4) grouse and four (4) quail per hunter. Hunters may also harvest woodcock according to statewide regulations established in 301 KAR 2:225 and explained in the Kentucky Hunting Guide for dove and early migratory bird seasons.

Each day's quota hunt will begin at one-half hour before sunrise and conclude at 2 p.m. local time.

Each hunting party will only have access to a designated portion of the WMA. Hunters will also receive a hunting log (survey) and must return the completed log to the department within

seven (7) days after their hunt. Drawn hunters must submit a log even if they do not hunt. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the following year's quota hunt drawings for all species except elk.

Preference points are awarded for unselected Clay WMA upland bird quota hunt applicants.

WATERFOWL

Hunters may apply online or over the telephone for waterfowl quota hunts on Ballard and Sloughs WMAs.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website is fw.ky.gov or call toll-free 1-877-598-2401 from any touch-tone telephone.

Applications are taken 24 hours a day, from Sept. 1-30 only. The non-refundable application fee is \$3 per hunter.

A hunter can specify a first and second choice of hunt date on each area, but will be drawn for a maximum of one hunt per area. No group applications are accepted. Permits are not transferable. The person successfully drawn for a quota hunt must be present to hunt. The successful applicant may take up to three guests. The names of guests are not required when applying.

Waterfowl quota hunt dates and other instructions will be posted Sept. 1 on the department website at fw.ky.gov, and will be available from the department's Information Center at 1-800-

858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT.

MOURNING DOVE MENTOR HUNTS

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) governs migratory bird and waterfowl hunting. Season dates for these species are finalized in August, which is too late to be included in this guide.

However, the first portion of the Kentucky dove season usually opens September 1 each year and runs through late October.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offers youth hunters and an accompanying adult the opportunity to participate in Mentor Dove Hunts on a limited number of public fields. Call the department's Information Center (1-800-858-1549) weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT beginning August 13 to sign up, and reserve a spot for these hunts. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis until the designated spaces are filled. Other than statewide licensing requirements, no additional hunt permits are required.

Locations of mentor hunts will be published in the 2012 Kentucky Hunting Guide for dove and early migratory bird seasons, available from the department's website and Information Center in early August.

Q: Which quota hunts use a preference point system?

A: Deer, small game and waterfowl quota hunts use preference points.



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